Revival of Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.

*11. SHRI S. MADHAVAN :
SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what steps are being taken to revive the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether it is a fact that nearly 2000 personnel of the Shipyard have sought voluntary retirement; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to persuade the Indian Ship owners to place orders with HSL (Visakhpatnam);

(d) whether Government have approached the Indian Navy to place orders for its shipping requirements with HSL; and

(e) whether Government also propose to permit HSL to sell its vessels in the open market

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The following steps have been and are being taken to revive the Hindustan Shipyard :—

(i) During 1990-91 and 1991-92, amounts of Rs. 18.00 crores and Rs. 17.00 crores, respectively, were granted as loan to meet working capital requirement. An amount of Rs. 11.25 crores has been provided for the same purpose in B.E. 1992-93.

(ii) Amounts of Rs. 3.00 crores and Rs. 8.00 crores were released to the Shipyard to enable it to implement voluntary retirement scheme during 1990-91 and 1991-92, respectively. An amount of Rs. 10.00 crores has been provided for this purpose in B.E. 1992-93.

(iii) HSL has been permitted to sell by open tender the 3 bulk carriers ordered by Shipping Corporation of India.

(b) About 868 employees had sought retirement under voluntary retirement scheme, out of which 847 empoyees have proceeded on voluntary retirement as on 30-6-1992.

(c) and (d) This Ministry had taken up with Shipping Companies and various other organisations, including Ministry of Defence, for placement of orders with HSL. HSL already has orders for construction of 3 bulk carriers and two Offshore Patrol vessels. Due to its financial problems, HSL is unable to complete these orders in time. Basically Government are encouraging the Shipyard to do its marketing.

(e) Government has permitted HSL to sell 3 vessels in the open market which had been ordered by Shipping Corporation of India.

Voluntary Retirement by CRPF Personnel

*12. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Central Reserve Police Force personnel are seeking voluntary retirement ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) : (a) The number of CRPF personnel who have proceeded on voluntary retirement since 1990 is as given below :—

Year	No. of Persons who proceeded on voluntary retirement	Percentage of persons proceeding on voluntary retirement to the total strength of the Force
1990	2302	1.93%
1991	2232	1.55%
1992 (so far)	1523	1.06%

(b) Voluntary retirement is generally sought by the CRPF personnel due to nature of duties, hardships therein and personnal reasons.